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At the University of Minnesota, Morris**

**“Life Beginnings and Endings.  
Choices in Medical Ethics.”**

**April 14, 8:00 p.m., Assumption Church, Morris**

**Martin Benjamin**

**“Ethical Issues in Organ Transplantation”**

This lecture will discuss some ethical issues in organ transplantation such as the questions of procurement, allocation and payment.

**May 5, 7:00 p.m., Federated Church, Morris**

**Arthur Caplan**

**“Making Babies: Ethical and Policy Issues Raised by  
New Reproductive Technologies”**

This lecture will discuss the ethical problems raised by the availability of new reproductive technologies, such as in vitro fertilization, embryo transfer, surrogate parenting, and the many more yet unrecognized options made available by the recent results in genetic engineering.

**May 19, 8:00 p.m., First Lutheran Church, Morris**

**Haavi Morreim**

**“Decision Making at the End of Life”**

This lecture will discuss the ways in which people can determine, in advance, their own destiny at the end of life.

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Besides the evening lecture, each philosopher will offer a seminar in his or her area of specialization. Topics, locations, and other information for these seminars will be distributed approximately one week before the event.

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**Seminars in Philosophy:**

**“Conscience in Bioethics”**

**April 14, 2:30 p.m., Behmler Conference Room,  
UMM Campus**

**Discussion of Both Presentations**

**April 15, 10:00 a.m., Behmler Conference Room,  
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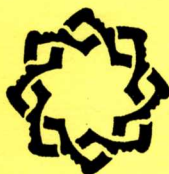
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## PROGRAM NOTES

In the last century, many aspects of human life have been deeply affected by the development of new technologies. One such aspect concerns the process of reproduction. Recent progress has provided physicians with the instruments and procedures to provide couples previously unable to conceive with the possibility of having babies. Such are the cases for example of infertile as well as lesbian or gay couples. Examples of such reproductive technologies are artificial insemination by husband or by donor, in vitro fertilization and embryo transfer, surrogate mothers, sperm and egg banks with gender and trait selection, and embryo adaptation.

The availability of these technologies is crucially increasing the moral significance of our choices concerning conception and reproduction. With more power of choice comes greater moral responsibility. While having children was once seen as an "all natural" process only partly under human control, now the ability to determine such aspects as the genetic origin of one's babies brings to light the ethical relevance of these decisions. From this new responsibility ensues the need to find acceptable moral criteria to guide our choices in these areas. The fact that in 1980 the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research was established officially acknowledges the seriousness of this need.

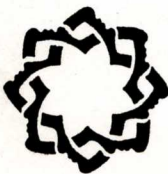
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To discuss with us some of the ethical issues raised by new reproductive technologies, we are pleased to have with us as tonight's speaker

ARTHUR CAPLAN

Director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics  
Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Surgery  
University of Minnesota

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**Seminars in Philosophy:**

**“Physicians and Conflicts of Interest”**

**May 19, 2:30 p.m., Behmler Conference Room,  
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**Discussion of Both Presentations**

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